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Yuichi SATO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1762
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For: METHOD FOR FORMING THIN FILM)	Confirmation No.: 5732
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Sir:

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. The listed documents were cited during prosecution in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-301971. A copy of the Official Letter mailed February 22, 2005, from the Japanese Patent Office and an English translation are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English language abstracts are provided for Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 02-305968, 60-141876, 2000-096431, and 2000-349417. UK Patent No. 1306201 is cited as a family member of Japanese Patent Application No. Sho 52-37971.

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Respectfully submitted,

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